Lake Erie Perch Need Your Help!

WHAT WE ARE DOING
Wildlife managers from the Ohio Division of Wildlife, the U.S. Geological Survey’s Lake Erie Biological Station and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry are tagging adult yellow perch to understand how the fish move across the lake through different management areas.

The ongoing collaboration will help management organizations in the U.S. and Canada make informed decisions about fisheries management, stocking efforts and fishing quotas.

The PIT tags being used in this project are about the size of a grain of rice and work similarly to a pet microchip. Because of their small size, it’s impossible to tell if a fish is tagged without scanning it.

HOW YOU CAN HELP
This is where you come in! We ask that you scan your perch catch to locate PIT tags, which will help us ensure sustainable Lake Erie perch fisheries in the future.

Tagged fish are safe to consume!
The tags are removed as part of normal fish cleaning.

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Scanners are placed at fish houses across the Lake Erie shore. To locate your nearest scanner, visit go.osu.edu/perchscan.